

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1154
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Civil and Administrative Law, January 31, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1154 Do Pass.

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TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 211.011, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the purpose of chapter 211, RSMo.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 211.011, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 211.011, to read as follows:

211.011. **1.** The purpose of this chapter is to facilitate the care, protection and discipline of children who come within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. This chapter shall be liberally construed, therefore, to the end that each child coming within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court shall receive such care, guidance and control as will conduce to the child's welfare and the best interests of the state[, and that when such child is removed from the control of his parents the court shall secure for him care as nearly as possible equivalent to that which should have been given him by them]. The child welfare policy of this state is what is in the best interests of the child.

2. When a child comes within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to subdivisions (2) or (3) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, the court, or others as authorized by law, when determining the care, guidance, and control necessary for the child, shall consider:

(1) The safety of the community;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

14 **(2) The imposition of accountability for offenses committed by the child; and**

15 **(3) The development of the child's skills and competencies needed to provide the**
16 **child with the opportunity to become a responsible and productive member of the**
17 **community.**

18 **3. When a child comes within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to**
19 **subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, and the child is removed from the control**
20 **of the child's parents, the court shall secure care for the child which is, as nearly as**
21 **possible, equivalent to that care which the parent should have provided to the child.**